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Regular Session, 2010

SENATE BILL NO. 120

BY SENATOR MARTINY

INSURANCE PREMIUMS. Increases the minimum premium rate on criminal bail bonds. (8/15/10)

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To amend and reenact R.S. 22:1443, relative to surety insurance; to provide for an increase

in the minimum premium rate for commercial surety underwriters writing criminal

bail bonds; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 22:1443 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§1443. Premium on criminal bail bond

The premium rate set for commercial surety underwriters writing criminal bail bonds in the various courts throughout the state of Louisiana shall not be subject to the rates set by the insurance commissioner, but shall be set and adjusted by the legislature. The rate for all commercial surety underwriters writing criminal bail bonds in the state of Louisiana shall be twelve percent of the face amount of the bond, or sixty one hundred twenty dollars, whichever is greater. Any additional fee authorized by R.S. 13:718(I)(2) shall not be included in this premium rate and shall be exclusive of the limit set by this Section. All other provisions of the code relating to enforcement of the rate shall be effective and enforced in accordance with all parts of this Section.

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Coding: Words which are struck through are deletions from existing law; words in **boldface type and underscored** are additions.

The original instrument was prepared by Linda Nugent. The following digest, which does not constitute a part of the legislative instrument, was prepared by Cheryl Horne.

DIGEST

Martiny (SB 120)

<u>Present law</u> provides that the premium rate set for commercial surety underwriters writing criminal bail bonds in Louisiana courts shall not be subject to rates set by the insurance commission but shall be set and adjusted by the legislature. <u>Present law</u> provides that the rate shall be 12% of the face amount of the bond, or \$60, whichever is greater.

Proposed law increases the premium rate from \$60 to \$120.

Effective August 15, 2010.

(Amends R.S. 22:1443)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Insurance to the original bill.

1. Increases the premium rate from \$100 to \$120.